

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are active in the present application. Claim 10 has been amended to correct a clerical error. Support for the amendment is found on page 14, line 22. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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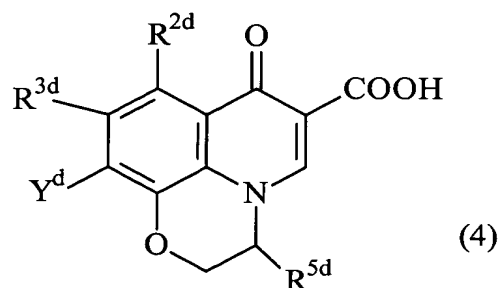
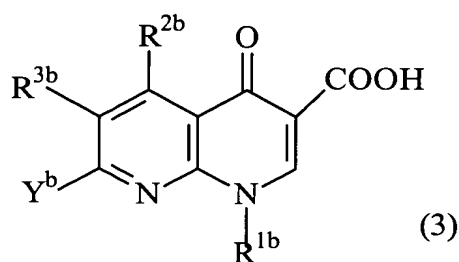
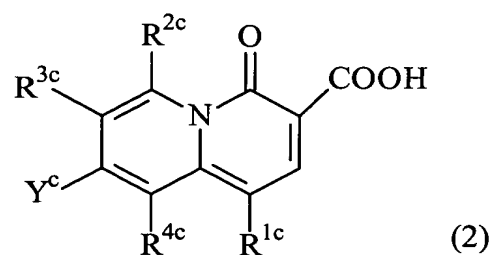
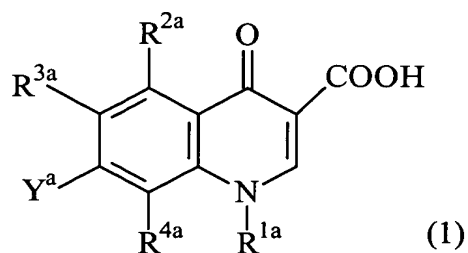
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--10. (Amended) A granular pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 1 through 9, wherein the drug having a disagreeable taste is a drug selected from the group consisting of cetraxate hydrochloride, ecapapide, nefiracetam, talampicillin hydrochloride, indenolol hydrochloride, hydralazine hydrochloride, chlorpromazine hydrochloride, tiaramide hydrochloride, berberine chloride, digitoxin, sulpyrine, azelastine hydrochloride, etilefrine hydrochloride, diltiazem hydrochloride, propranolol hydrochloride, chloramphenical, aminophyllin, erythromycin, clarithromycin, phenobarbital, calcium pantothenate, indeloxazine hydrochloride, aminoguanidine hydrochloride, bifemelane hydrochloride, 7 β -[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-(Z)-hydroxyiminoacetamido]-3-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyloxymethyl-3-cephem-carboxylic acid 1-(isopropoxycarbonyloxy)ethyl ester hydrochloride, (E)-3-(2-methoxy-3,6-dimethyl-1,4-benzoquinone-5-yl)-2-[5-(3-pyridyl)pentyl]-2-propenic acid, aminophylline, theophylline, diphenhydramine, metaclopramide, phenylbutazone, phenobarbital, ampicillin, cimetidine, famotidine, nizatidine, acetaminophen, epirizole, pyrazinamide, caffeine, ethionamide, carvedilol, ranitidine hydrochloride, roxatidine acetate hydrochloride, imipramine hydrochloride, ephedrine hydrochloride, diphenhydramine hydrochloride, tetracycline hydrochloride, doxycycline hydrochloride, naphazoline hydrochloride, noscapine hydrochloride, papaverine hydrochloride, dextrhomethorphan hydrobromide, timepidium bromide,

chlorphenilammonium maleate, alimemazine tartrate, pilsicainide hydrochloride, N-methylscopolamine methylsulfate, cinpezide maleate, arginine hydrochloride, histidine hydrochloride, lysine hydrochloride, lysine acetate, clopidogrel sulfate; crude drugs or extracts thereof; pyridonecarboxylic acid compounds represented by formulas (1) through (4) and salts thereof:



(wherein each of R^{1a} , R^{1b} , and R^{1c} represent a C1-C6 linear or branched alkyl group which may have a substituent, a C3-C6 cyclic alkyl group which may have a substituent, an aryl group which may have a substituent, or a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent;

each of R^{2a} , R^{2b} , R^{2c} , and R^{2d} represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C6 linear or branched alkyl group which may have a substituent; or an amino group each of R^{3a} , R^{3b} , R^{3c} , and R^{3d} represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom; R^{4a} or R^{4c} represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C1-C6 linear or branched alkyl group which may have substituent; or a C1-C6 linear or branched alkoxy group which may have a substituent;

R^{5d} represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C6 linear or branched alkyl group which may have a substituent; and

each of Y^a , Y^b , Y^c , and Y^d represents a nitrogen-containing group).--